

RECORDS DECLASSIFICATION

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The appropriation for this program provided for the necessary expenses of the General Services Administration to comply with the requirements of Executive Order 11652, dated March 8, 1972, incident to review for declassification of all security classified information. Executive Order 12065 dated July 28, 1978, replaced Executive Order 11652 for declassification requirements as security classified material becomes 20 years old. Also it established the Information Security Oversight Office. This second order was later replaced by Executive Order 12356 which established further revisions to the system for all Executive Agencies to follow when classifying, handling and declassifying National Security Information. Beginning with FY 1982, these functions were merged into the appropriation "Operating Expenses, National Archives and Records Service".

AUTHORITY FOR THE PROGRAM.

44 U.S.C. 2104, 2108, and 2904 implementing provisions of Executive Order 11652 of March 8, 1972. Executive Orders 12065 and 12356 later revised and amended the initial order.

HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

Discussions began in autumn of 1970 among representatives of GSA and the Defense and State Departments on the subject of the declassification of records and the making of such records available for public use. The sheer volume of classified records (mostly associated with World War II) dictated an expediting of procedures, then existing, which required a most careful scrutiny of individual documents. Each page had to be stamped, examined, and certified by initials in the declassification process.

It was estimated that to declassify the Second World War materials using these procedures would require 1,136 work-years at a cost of \$10,950,000. Urgency was added to the problem by Great Britain's announcement that on January 1, 1972, all except the most sensitive document of that country through the end of 1945 would be opened to the public. It was felt that this country should not fall very far behind other countries in this endeavor. Accordingly, this program -- which oversimplified was to declassify all classified material as it becomes 30 years old -- began in 1973. Production for that year was 30 million pages; 45 million pages in 1974; 63 million pages in 1975; 56.5 million pages in 1976; 52.5 million in 1977 (including the Transition Quarter); and 38 million in 1978. In 1979-1981, another 151 million pages were examined, with 45 million classified pages reviewed and 43 million pages declassified.

DEVELOPMENT OF CURRENT APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE

This item was originally proposed as a 1972 supplemental under the appropriation for "Operating Expenses, NARS", but was denied by Congress. It was then included as an activity of OE, NARS for the 1973 budget, but the House felt that the purposes of the program could best be achieved if a separate appropriation were established, and enacted the appropriation, "Records Declassification." In 1975 it was again proposed that this item be included as an activity of OE, NARS, and again Congress specified that it be accounted for as a separate entity. In 1979 the Information Security Oversight Office was established, and was included under this appropriation starting in 1980.

The initial appropriation language appeared in the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriation Act, 1973 (Public Law 92-351) with changes as indicated below. This program was finally merged with the Operating Expenses, NARS appropriation in FY 1982, with Congressional approval under the Continuing Resolutions.

"For expenses necessary for the review and declassification of documents, the Information Security Oversight Office, and related records management activities, pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2104, 2108, and 2904, and implementing provisions of Executive Order 12065, directives issued pursuant thereto, and other applicable authorities, including expenses not otherwise provided for, and acceptance and utilization of voluntary and uncompensated services, \$ _____."

(Merged with OE,NARS appropriation beginning in FY 1982)

BUDGETARY HISTORY OF APPROPRIATIONS (In Thousands of Dollars)

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Request to OMB</u>	<u>President's Allowance</u>	<u>House Bill</u>	<u>Senate Bill</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>		<u>Date</u>
					<u>Amount</u>	<u>P.L.</u>	
1972 <u>1/</u>	636	636	(Denied by Congress)				
1973 <u>2/</u>	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	92-351	7/13/72
(Suppl.) <u>3/</u>	-340	-340	-340	-340	-340	93-500	7/1/73
1974	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	93-143	10/30/73
(Pay Suppl.)	85	85	85	85	85	93-305	6/8/74
1975 <u>2/</u>	1,305	1,305	1,305	1,305	1,305	93-381	8/21/74
1976	1,372	1,372	1,350	1,350	1,350	94-91	8/9/75
(Pay Suppl.)	44	44	44	44	44	94-303	6/1/76
T.Q.	347	347	337	337	337	94-91	8/9/75
(Pay Suppl.)	15	15	15	15	15	94-303	6/1/76
1977	1,410	1,410	1,410	1,410	1,410	94-363	7/14/76
(Pay Suppl.)	60	60	60	60	60	95-26	5/4/77

1978	1,470	1,470	1,470	1,470	1,470	95-81	7/31/77
(Pay Suppl.)	95	95	95	95	95	95-355	9/8/78
1979	1,565	1,565	1,565	1,565	1,565	95-429	10/10/78
(Pay Suppl.)	90	90	90	90	90	96-38	7/25/79
(Prog. Suppl.)	2,435	1,460			(Denied by Congress)	96-38	7/25/79
1980 <u>4/</u>	4,187	3,255	3,255	2,855	3,055	96-74	9/29/79
(Pay Suppl.)	178	(Denied by OMB)					
(Furn. Resc.)	-6	-6	-6	-6	-6	96-304	7/8/80
1981 <u>5/</u>	3,423	3,375	3,000	3,000	736	96-369	10/1/80
					2,160	96-536	12/16/80
					3,000	97-12	6/5/81

(Merged with OE, NARS appropriation).

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Proposed as a supplemental under Operating Expenses, NARS.

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Originally proposed as an activity under OE, NARS.

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Transfer to OE, NARS for increased pay costs.

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Funds for the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) are provided beginning with this year. ISOO is included in this appropriation until the entire account was merged with OE, NARS beginning in FY 1982.

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Continuing Resolutions, P.L. 96-369 and 96-536, provided authority through 12/15/80 and 6/5/81, respectively. The 1981 Supplemental Appropriations Act (P.L. 97-12) extended resolution authority through 9/30/81.

FUNDS AVAILABLE, OBLIGATIONS, AND OUTLAYS (In Thousands of Dollars)

Fiscal Year	Appropriations	Other Availability	Total Available	Obligations During the Year	Unobligated Balances Lapsing	Outlays
1973	\$ 1,200	\$ -340 <u>1/</u>	\$ 860	\$ 780	\$ 80	\$ 958
1974	1,085	-	1,085	1,011	74	1,104
1975	1,305	-	1,305	1,282	23	1,276
1976	1,394	-	1,394	1,281	113	<u>2/</u> 1,283
T.Q.	352	+ 113 <u>2/</u>	465	432	33	330
1977	1,470	-	1,470	1,377	93	1,352
1978	1,565	-	1,565	1,519	46	1,513
1979 <u>3/</u>	1,655	+ 200	1,855	1,703	152	1,701
1980	3,049	- 216 <u>4/</u>	2,833	2,674	159	2,653
1981	3,000	-	3,000	2,858	142	2,878

(Merged with the OE, NARS appropriation).

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Transfer to OE, NARS for increased pay costs.

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Balance brought forward for the Transition Quarter.

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From 1979; includes funds for Information Security Oversight Office functions.

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Transfer to OE, NARS.

EMPLOYMENT DATA - RECORDS DECLASSIFICATION

Fiscal Year	Permanent Positions	Work- Years	Average GS Grade	Average GS Salary
1973	110	57	5.70	\$8,352
1974	102	83	6.27	\$10,450
1975	120	95	6.35	\$10,733
1976	105	101	6.90	\$11,377
1977	105	87	6.89	\$11,946
1978	103	97	7.05	\$12,917
1979	100	81	7.23	\$13,912
1980	157	95	6.42	\$14,111

1981	103	102	7.35	\$16,787
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(Merged with the OE, NARS appropriation).

SELECTED WORKLOAD DATA - RECORDS DECLASSIFICATION

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Pages Completed</u>	<u>Work- Years</u>	<u>Average Completed Per Work-Year</u>
1973	30,000,000	57	526,316
1974	45,542,000	83	548,699
1975	63,000,000	95	663,158
1976	56,500,000	101	559,406
T.Q.	12,500,000	24	520,833
1977	40,000,000	87	459,770
1978	38,300,000	97	394,845

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Pages Examined</u>	<u>Classified Pages Reviewed</u>	<u>Pages Declassified</u>	<u>Workyears</u>
1979	35,500,000	16,900,000	15,500,000	81
1980	82,400,000	17,700,000	17,500,000	95
1981	33,200,000	10,800,000	10,200,000	102

(Merged with the OE, NARS appropriation).

EMPLOYMENT DATA - INFORMATION SECURITY OVERSIGHT OFFICE

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Permanent Positions</u>	<u>Work- Years</u>	<u>Average GS Grade</u>	<u>Average GS Salary</u>
1979	11	8	10.75	\$21,477
1980	20	13	11.25	22,157
1981	15	14	11.00	22,571

(Merged with the OE, NARS appropriation).

SELECTED WORKLOAD DATA - INFORMATION SECURITY OVERSIGHT OFFICE

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Agency Inspections</u>	<u>Review of Agency Regs.</u>	<u>Suggestions, Complaints, Informal Investigations</u>	<u>Statistical Reports Reviewed</u>	<u>Special Studies</u>
1979	79	155	10	81	-
1980	194	150	40	86	-
1981	91	155	70	153	4

(Merged with the OE, NARS appropriation).